

## PATENT APPLICATION

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Remarks

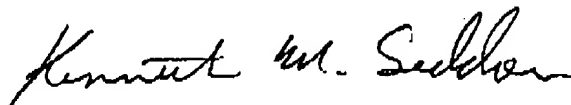
Reexamination and reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested. Claims 1-11, 13-26, 28-35, and 37-45 remain in the application and have either been allowed by the Office Action, or amended into a form indicated by the Office Action to be allowable. In addition claims 12, 27, and 36 have been cancelled. To be clear, Applicant is not surrendering the subject matter of the rejected or cancelled claims and is filing a continuation application to advance the prosecution of those claims.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003, and it is submitted that claims 1-11, 13-26, 28-35, and 37-45 are in condition for allowance. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.6 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 554-9732 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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